

Application No. 09/257,902 (Zlotkin)  
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consisting of monoglycerides, diglycerides, ethyl cellulose, hydrogenated soy bean oil and mixtures thereof; and the excipient is an edible oil in hydrogenated form.

66. (previously added) An article of manufacture of claim 60 ~~59~~, wherein the composition contains one or more of a bioavailable form of an additional micronutrient.

67. (previously added) An article of manufacture of claim 60 ~~59~~, wherein the composition contains one or more of a bioavailable form of a compound selected from zinc, vitamin A, iodine and ascorbic acid.

68. (currently amended) An article of manufacture consisting essentially of: ~~claim 51, wherein said excipient is~~

(a) a packaging material; and

(b) a composition contained within said packaging material, wherein the composition consists essentially of that formed upon admixture of microencapsulated iron granules in combination with a lipid-based excipient, and optionally, one or more of a bioavailable form of an additional micronutrient.

69. (currently amended) An article of manufacture consisting essentially of: ~~claim 52~~

(a) a packaging material; and

(b) a composition contained within said packaging material, wherein the composition consists essentially of that formed upon admixture of microencapsulated iron granules in combination with, ~~wherein said excipient is a lipid-based excipient, and one or more of a bioavailable form of a compound selected from zinc, vitamin A, iodine and ascorbic acid.~~ 51

70. (currently amended) An article of manufacture of claim 53, wherein said excipient ~~excipient~~ is a lipid-based excipient.

71. (currently amended) An article of manufacture consisting essentially of: ~~claim 57~~

(a) a packaging material; and

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